

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY RANGOON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5301  
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
AMCONSUL MANDALAY POUCH

C O N F I D E N T I A L RANGOON 1544

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, BM  
SUBJ: BCP ATTACK ON LASHIO

1. AMCONSUL MANDALAY HAS REPORTED THAT BCP ELEMENTS OF UNKNOWN STRENGTH ATTACKED THE LASHIO RAILROAD STATION ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 21 OR 23. REPORTEDLY, THE BCP LOST THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE AND THE BURMA ARMY, WITH ARTILLERY SUPPORT, WERE ABLE TO DRIVE THEM FROM THE RAILROAD STATION AFTER A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

2. AS FAR AS THE EMBASSY IS AWARE, THIS IS THE FIRST ATTACK IN LASHIO ITSELF IN AT LEAST THREE YEARS, PROBABLY LONGER. LASHIO IS THE MAJOR CITY IN THE NORTHEAST SHAN STATE AND THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY'S NORTHEAST REGIONAL COMMAND. WHILE OF NO SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE MILITARILY, OTHER THAN DEMONSTRATING THAT THE BCP CAN MOUNT A RAID ALMOST ANYWHERE AT WILL, THE ATTACK COULD HAVE HAD SOME PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT.  
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